CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal PRADE Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendments, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 12, 2004.

eter J. Borghetti Reg. No. 42,345

Reg. No. #2,345

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.

10/037,382

Confirmation No. 6806

Applicants

Joseph Claude Caci et al.

Filed

January 4, 2002

TC/A.U.

3676

Examiner

Michael J. Kyle

Title

PURCHASING AID LOGISTICS APPLIANCE

Docket No.

12078-129

Customer No.

26486

PERKINS, SMITH & COHEN, LLP One Beacon Street, 30th Floor

Boston, MA 02108 (617) 854-4000

TO: Mail Stop Amendments

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT B

AND PETITION FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2004 rejecting pending claims 1-20 in the above-mentioned application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

10/18/2004 MBERHE

00000003 10037382

1

01 FC:1201 02 FC:1202 528.00 OP 144.00 OP Appl. No. 10/037,382

Amdt. Dated October 12, 2004

Reply to Office Action of June 9, 2004

Docket No.: 12078-129

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

It should be noted that this response/amendment due date falls on a Saturday, October 9, 2004, and a federal holiday falls on the next Monday, October 11, 2004. Therefore, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a), this response/amendment, being mailed via first class mail on Tuesday, October 12, 2004, is timely filed with a month extension (enclosed herein).